



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, February 22, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0817)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Hill

Excused: Commissioner Grills Ph.D.

Call to Order (12-0430)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the February 15, 2012 Minutes. (12-0758)

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hill, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for February 22, 2012. (12-0432)

Chairperson Montaña shared a handout regarding "Bully Related Suicide" of children under 14 years old.

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for February 22, 2012. (12-0434)

Nyla Jefferson, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- **Roy Sinclair, Staff, will be working with the Commission for Women and the Commission on Disabilities;**
- **New staff member Jenny Kimbell will attend the Commission's next meeting;**
- **Mr. Robert Smythe will replace Ms. Carla Carr as the Auditor Controller's Office representative at the Monthly Business meetings;**
- **The Department of Mental Health and Department of Children and Family Services will send representatives to the March 21, 2012 Business meeting to address the Commission's concern pertaining to psychotropic medications being administered in Group Homes;**
- **The Executive Office has provided a new copier to the Sybil Brand Commission.**

4. Treasurer's Report for February 22, 2012. (12-0757)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that he erroneously reported the Commission's account balance of \$417.46 at last weeks meeting, the amount should have been \$447.46; and after making a deposit of \$45.00, the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$492.46.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports for February 22, 2012. (12-0760)

There was no report given.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 16, 2012 to February 21, 2012. (12-0761)

During the reporting period the following Group Homes were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaña visited Children Are Our Future "Kezios" - 6 #4, on February 21, 2012.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Eastlake Juvenile Courthouse on February 21, 2012.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Bigby, Grills and Hall visited Men's Central Jail Inmate Reception Center on February 16, 2012.**

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Boys Republic "Girls Republic" - 4 #1, on February 21, 2012.**

III. DISCUSSIONS

7. Discussion on the Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship Program for foster and probation camp youth.

LaSonya Gibbs, CSA II
DCFS Youth Development Services Division
Department of Children and Family Services

Michael Varela, Director
Probation Department (12-0756)

Due to scheduling conflict, Ms. LaSonya Gibbs was unable to attend the meeting. However, she will attend the next Commission's meeting.

Mike Varela, Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department, reported he will meet with Probation Camp Directors on Monday, February 27, 2012, to discuss the Sybil Brand Commission's Scholarship program in order to recruit potential candidates. Ms. Nyla Jefferson, Staff, Commission Services, will e-mail the SBC scholarship application to Mr. Varela.

Following discussion, the Commission agreed that the Probation Camp youths will have until April 15, 2012 to submit all scholarship applications. By common consent the Commission agreed to amend the scholarship application to remove the eligibility of part-time students from scholarship consideration.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-0437)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-0438)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of February 22, 2012. (12-0439)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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